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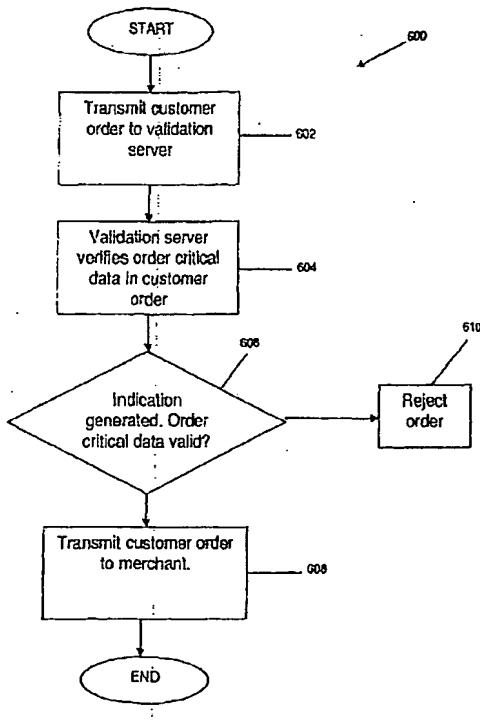
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(57) Abstract: A method of identifying altered order critical data in a system for conducting electronic commerce over a public data network in which orders are placed by a customer using a computer. The method includes the step of transmitting an electronic order of the customer over the public data network from the customer computer to a validation server. The validation server validates order critical data included in the order by executing the steps of verifying the order critical data, and generating an indication of the validity or otherwise of the order critical data. The method enables, for example, orders generated by untrusted devices, such as a customer computer, to be verified by a trusted validation server thereby improving the security of electronic commerce systems employing client-side ordering.

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